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1. The lead Kombinat which, was designated "Leninogorskiy Polymetall Kombinat (LPK)" was located on the northwestern perimeter of Leninogorsk, previously Ridder (20°20'N lat./83°38'E long) in East Kazakhstan. The Kombinat and the town of Leninogorsk were connected to Ust-Kamenogorsk (50°00'N lat/82°38'E long) by a Soviet-gauge railroad line about 100 km long. Many houses tracks were available at the Kombinat for electric locomotives.¹

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2. Lead and zinc mining in the Leninogorsk area was started prior to World War I. Between 1885 and 1890, a British engineer with the name of Ridder is said to have received prospecting rights for gold and lead deposits. The gold mined was, allegedly, taken by caravans to Novosibirsk. Until about 1918, the mines were owned by a British company which, however, was forced to give up its rights at the end of World War I. Prior to 1941, the mining industry in Leninogorsk was considerably enlarged. New mines were constructed, an ore dressing plant and lead works as well as a railroad line to Leninogorsk were constructed. Construction work was resumed after 1945 with the help of PWs. A new mine was built, the lead works were enlarged, and a steel foundry was erected.²

3. The installation of the lead Kombinat covered a hilly area about 4 x 2 km. The installations fall into four large complexes:

- The ore mining installation with three mines, two of them in operation, one under construction; the ore dressing plant and a power plant.
- The "Savinzevly Savod" lead works with a roasting department, a foundry, a refining department, gold department, and some auxiliary departments.
- The construction bureau and repair departments.
- A saw mill located to the southwest of the Kombinat proper.

The Kombinat had a steam power plant of its own. Another hydroelectric power station was under construction on the Ulba River. this new power station was in operation by early 1949. In 1949, the power supply was still inadequate and frequently broke down altogether.³

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4. The lead deposits extended in a length of four or five kilometers to the northeast from the present center of mining activities and had a width of one or two kilometers. Mining operations were conducted in the Leninogorsk, SSokolniy and Altayskiy mines. The Altayskiy mine was still in process of construction in 1949 and its output was

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comparatively small. [redacted] the two other mines were nearing completion and were, allegedly, being prepared for demolition in April 1949. The elevator towers of the mine were dismantled and the mine itself was demolished in June 1949. Subsequently a new elevator tower was built at the Sskolyniy Mine. The miners had access to the ore deposits through level or slightly inclined galleries, from which they reached the first through third level above them and the fourth through ninth level below them by means of ladders. [redacted] the Sskolyniy mine had 11 levels. Mining activities in the two old mines were conducted on the seventh, eighth, and ninth level. At the head end of the gallery, blasting operations were prepared by American pneumatic hammer drills. [redacted] the work quota for one drilling operator was 23 cubic meters per shift. The ore was hauled away in mine lorries which had a capacity of 0.5 to 0.8 tons. One worker had to load 10.5 tons of ore per shift. Mine lorries were pulled by electric locomotives. All the ore mined was high-grade ore. It contained besides lead and zinc also copper, silver, gold, and platinum. After 1948, mention was also made to bismuth. the total output of ore in all three mines in 1949 was 1,500 to 2,000 tons during a 24-hour period, [redacted] put this daily output at 1,800 to 2,000 tons of ore. According to [redacted], the daily output mined amounted to [redacted] tons.⁴

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5. Ore concentration, agglomerating, smelting and refining plants were available at the Kombinat. In the ore concentration process, lead and zinc concentrates were separated and the zinc concentrates were sent to the zinc foundry in Ust-Kamenogorsk. Only lead was smelted and refined in Leninogorsk.

[redacted] copper, silver, gold and platinum were produced by electrolytic processes from byproducts of the smelting and refining plants. On the other hand, [redacted] slag and slime were sent from the Leninogorsk smelting works to Ust-Kamenogorsk. [redacted] 60 to 80 tons of refined lead cast in ingots of 25 kg were produced within a 24-hour period. Occasionally, the peak output of 90 to 95 tons was reached per day. reportedly learned [redacted] that 200 tons of lead were scheduled to be produced daily in 1952.⁵

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6. Leading personnel at the Kombinat in 1949 included: Beryosa (fnu), director of mines; Menshev (fnu), chief engineer of the Kombinat; and Kepov (fnu), chief manager of the enterprise. [redacted] the Kombinat employed a total of 12,000 to 15,000 workers, including about 30 percent women. Work was done in three 8-hour shifts; in some departments four 6-hour shifts were worked.

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7. The entire area of the Kombinat inclusive the mines was surrounded by a board fence, two meters high, and guarded by factory police.

1. Comment. For location of the lead Kombinat in Leninogorsk, see Annex 1. The sketch was made on the basis of [redacted] data available to this office. The spur track from the Kombinat to Leninogorsk must have been converted to Soviet-gauge during the war or immediately after the war. It is believed that the railroad line between Leninogorsk and Ust-Kamenogorsk was built during the same period. In 1938, there was only a narrow-gauge line from Sashtchita, west of Ust-Kamenogorsk, to Leningradsk.

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2. Comment. Mining operations in Leninogorsk were started as early as 1889. Prior to 1925, only 354,425 tons of sorted ore had been produced there. Between 1914 and 1918, the ore deposits of Leninogorsk were exploited by the firm of Urquard. This firm conducted extensive explorations and drilled a total of 22 exploratory bore holes; it also constructed an experimental ore concentration plant. After 1925, the mine at Leninogorsk was enlarged by the Soviets and was scheduled to reach an annual output of 250,000 tons of ore. As early as 1931, ore deposits at Leninogorsk were believed to be fully explored.

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4. Comment. The lead and zinc ore deposits of Leninogorsk are part of the deposits of the Kirov Rayon. On the basis of information available in late 1936, these deposits extended about 9 km to the east from Leninogorsk. The total deposits of grade A - C₁ ore available in the Rayon amounted to 28,187,500 tons (C₂ - 23,095,000 tons), the lead content of the ore was 774,300 tons (404,300 tons), the zinc content 1,651,200 tons (1,012,700 tons), and the copper content 283,900 tons (127,200 tons). The ore produced at the Leninogorsk and Ssokolyniy mines of the Kirov Rayon had the highest content of lead and zinc, the lead content being 6.7 percent and the zinc content 11.9 percent. As mining operations have been conducted near Leninogorsk since a long time, the ore available in the upper layers has almost completely been mined. The ore which is at present mined is lead sulfide. It is believed in this connection that the so-called "Roehrenanlage" under construction near the lead works is a sulfuric acid plant cooperating with the roasting department.

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5. Comment. It is believed credible that 60 to 90 tons of lead are daily produced at Leninogorsk. This would correspond to an annual output of about 25,000 tons, while the scheduled 1942 output was fixed at 35,000 tons. These figures do not agree with the daily average output of 1,850 tons of ore. Although it must be taken into consideration that some of the ore required at the Leninogorsk lead works is furnished by the Ssyranevo mine and concentration plant about 100 km southeast of Leninogorsk, the Ssokolyniy mine alone, in 1949, according to information available to this office, furnished 66 percent of the ore required by the Kombinat. The annual output of 25,000 tons of lead would require an annual output of 650,000 tons of lead ore, i.e. a daily output of 1,850 tons. Since about 60 percent is lead, the total ore production at Leninogorsk should have been at least 1.4 million tons per year or 3,700 tons per day. According to available information, the output of the Ssokolyniy mine and of the ore concentration plant at Leninogorsk remained far below the fixed level.

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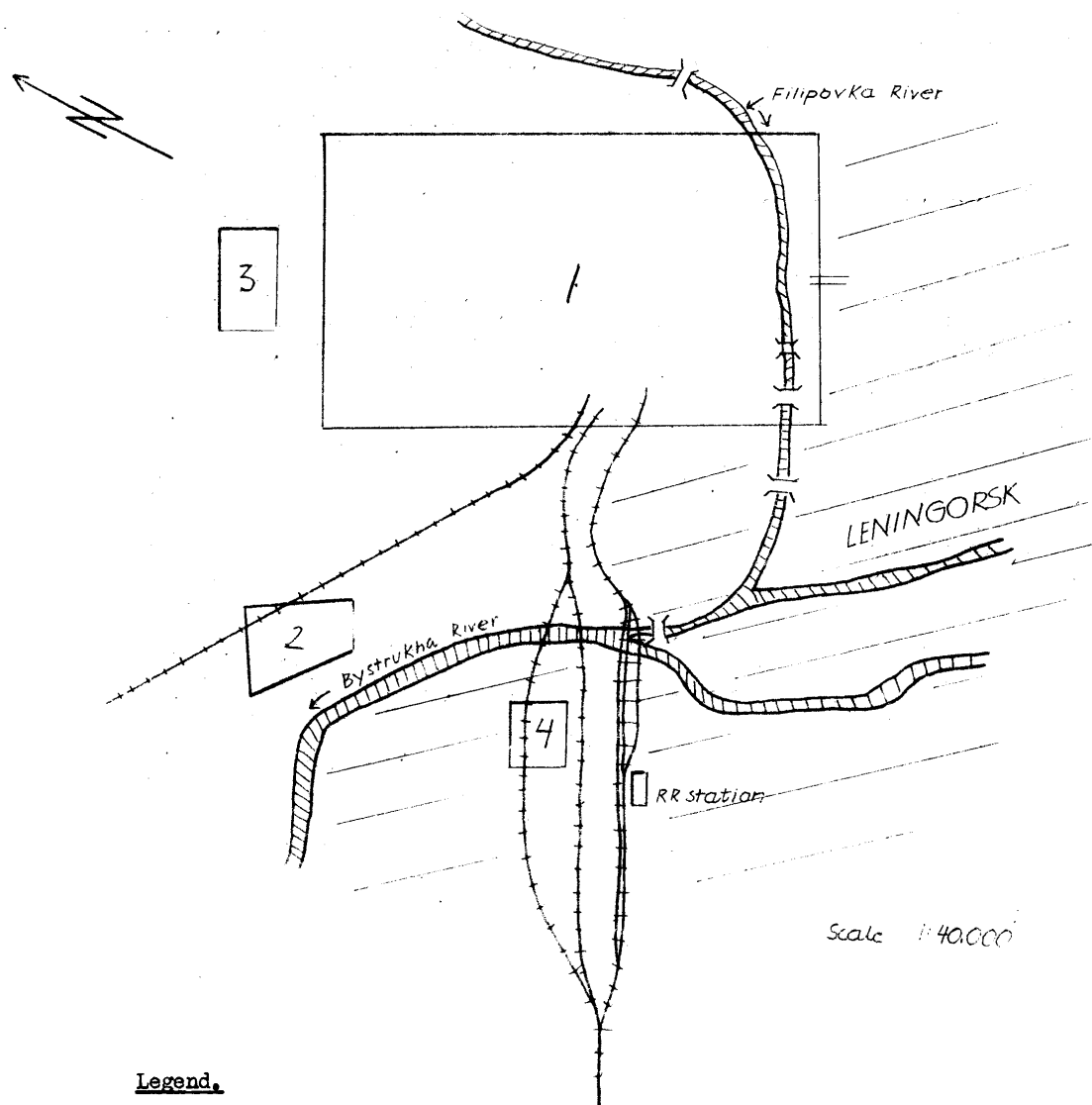
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Location of the Lead Kombinat in Leninogorsk



Legend.

1 - Lead Kombinat in Leninogorsk

2 - Saw mill

3 - Brick works

4 - Bread factory

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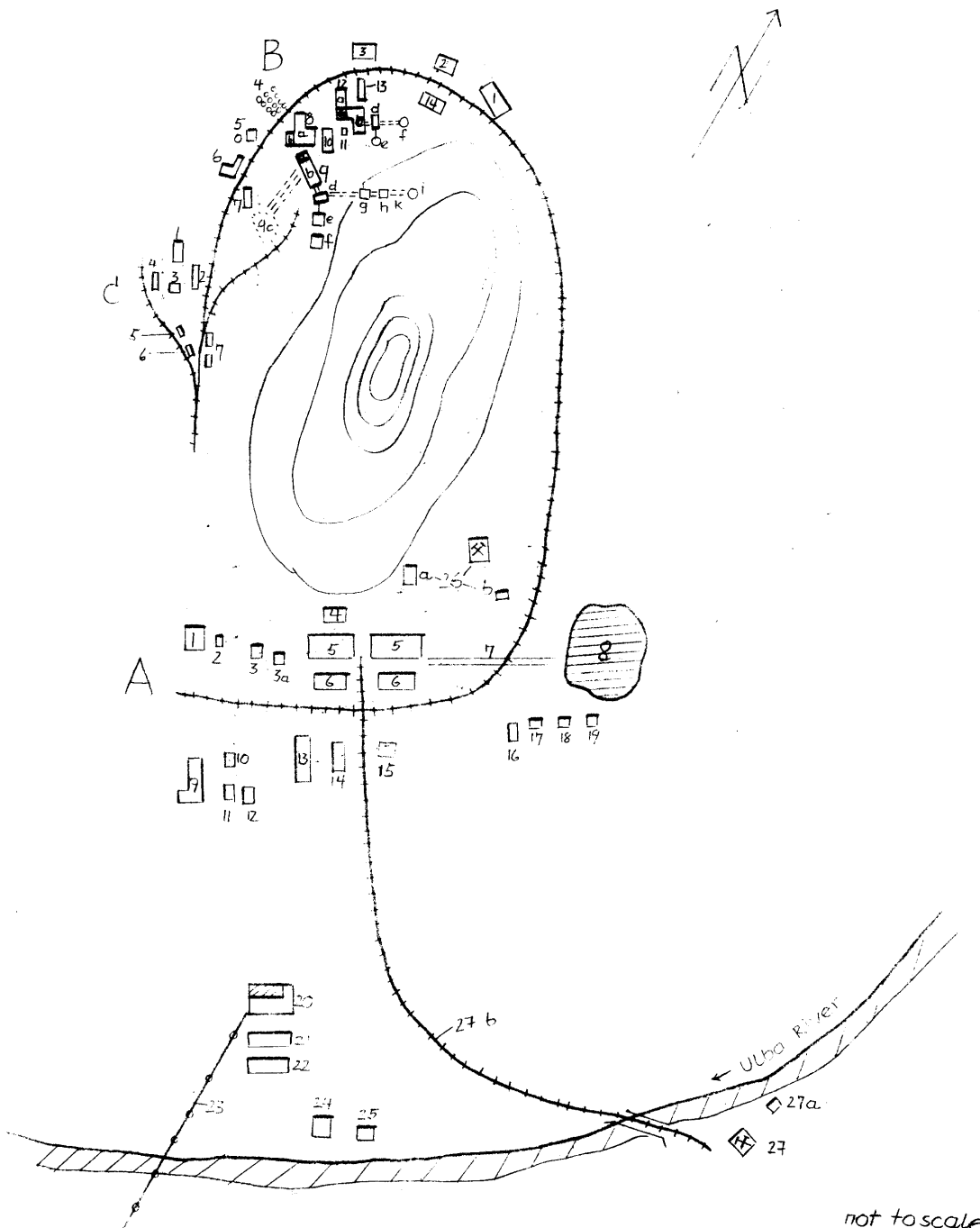
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Layout of the Lead Kombinat.



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- 1 Iron foundry equipped with several cupular furnaces; replacement parts for factory machines were cast there.
- 2 Wood pattern shop, also referred to as core making shop. The pattern shop was attached to the iron foundry.
- 3 Motor vehicle repair shop.
a small forge.
- 4 through 6 Ore concentration plant built in terraces on the slope of the hill.
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- 6 Drying facilities connected to the two buildings of Item No 5 by hoisting facilities. [redacted] the Soviets referred to the buildings of Item No 5 as Factory No 2. 25X1
- 7 Canal leading to the water purification point.
- 8 Purification point. [redacted] several such points were available. 25X1
- 9 Large mechanical plant with lathes, grinding and annealing department, forge, a boiler forge, a repair shop for locomotives.
- 10 Kitchen.
- 11 [redacted] 25X1
- 12 Storage depot.
- 13 Compressor shop equipped with eight twin compressors.
- 14 Plant for the manufacture of sulfuric acid and hydrochloric acid. [redacted]
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- 15 Boiler plant serving the entire Kombinat. The plant was equipped with three boilers.
- 16 Kitchen.
- 17 Baths.
- 18 Administration buildings.
- 19 Dressing rooms.

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20. Switching station and open-air transformer plant.

21. Power station equipped with one turbine. [redacted]
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22. Boiler house for the power plant equipped with eight (sic) boilers.

23. High tension line.

24. Pumping station.

25. Kitchen.

26. "Leninogorski" mine.

- a. Elevator tower.
- b. Entrance of pit.

27. "Ssokolyniy" mine. [redacted]
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- a. Small forge.
- b. Narrow-gauge railroad line built for the haulage of ore.

28. "Altayski" mine.

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1. Carbide plant.

2. Steel foundry equipped with an electric furnace; the plant was completed in 1947.

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4. A large "Roehrenanlage" under construction in 1948 and fitted with about 20 pipes, 4 meters high and 1 meter in diameter. [redacted]
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5. Dust removing plant (sic) of the refinery, fitted with a smokestack 40 meters high and ventilation facilities.

6. Administration building.

7. Repair shop for factory locomotives.

8. Lead refinery and gold plant.

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- a. Four large boilers (sic) for lead refining and two small boilers (sic) for the separation of other non-ferrous metals.
- b. Gold processing plant, heavily guarded.

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- k Transportation facilities.

11 Transformer station.

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- d Removal of dust.
- e Smokestack.
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14 Installation [redacted] referred to by the Soviets as British Factory.

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C Construction Bureau

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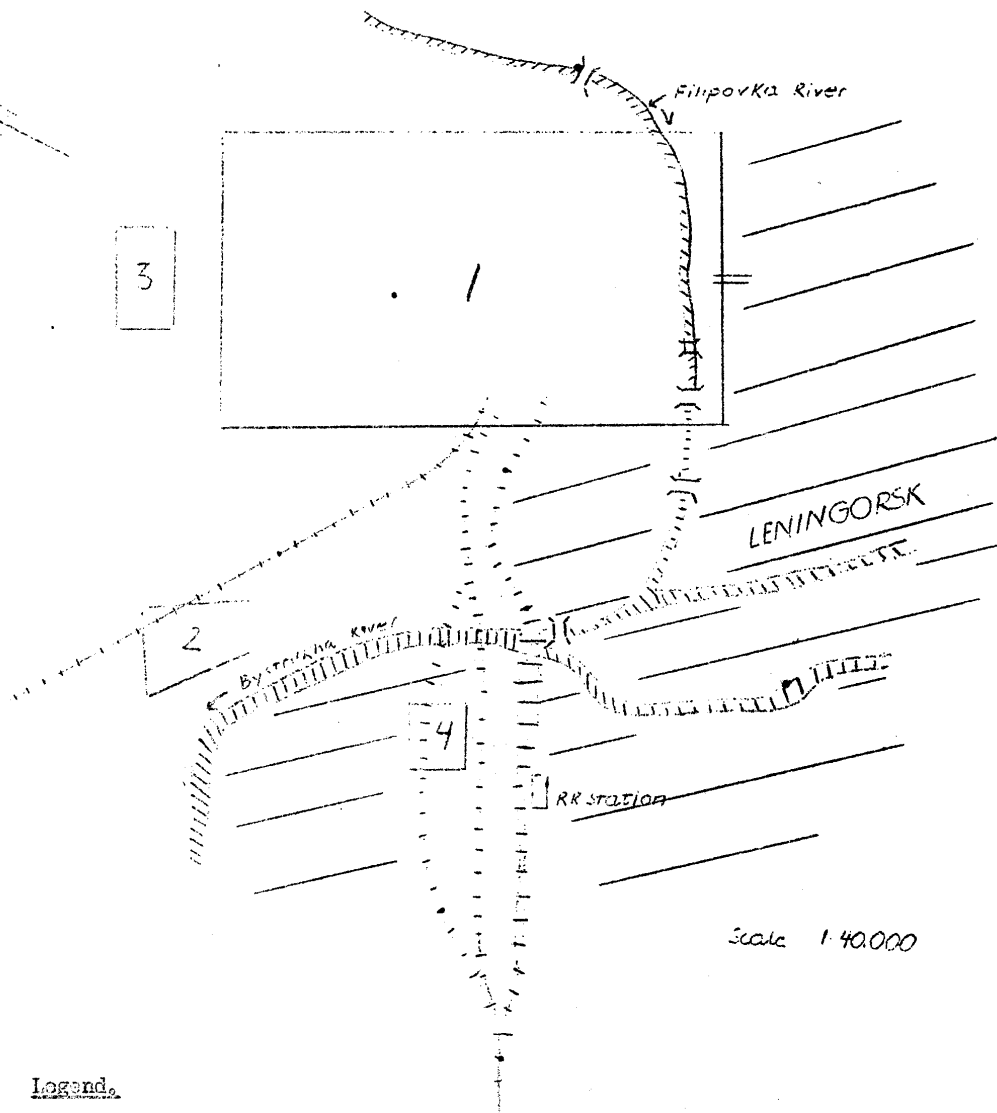
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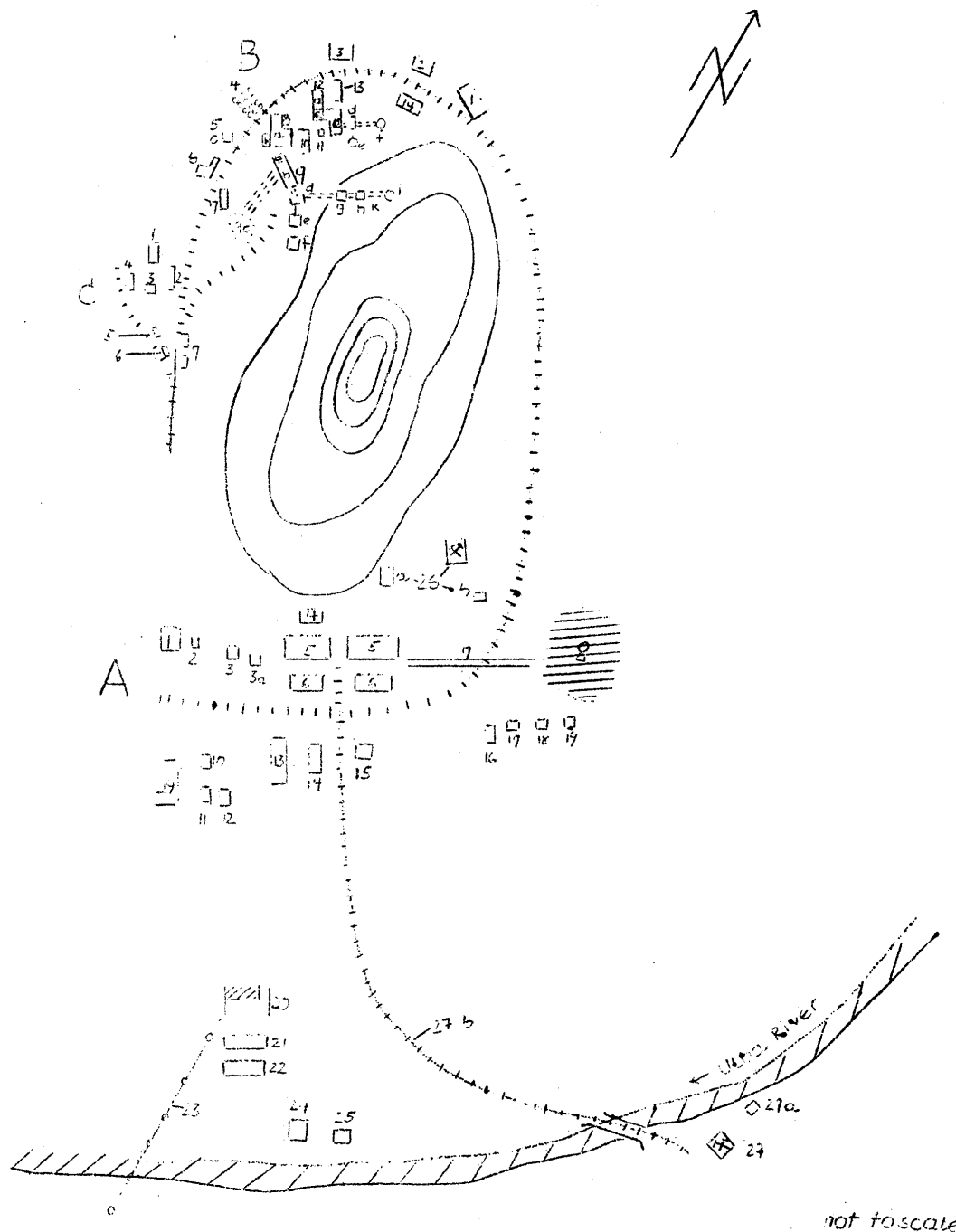
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